

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

The following abstract will replace all prior versions of the abstract in the application:

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An endoscope, ~~comprising~~ including an image transmitting system and at least one fiber optics bundle which is mounted by its distal end segment in the endoscope and which at its distal end emits light to illuminate the field of view. A proximal end of the ~~said bundle at its proximal end being~~ is illuminated by a light source. The endoscope also includes ~~, is characterized in that it comprises~~ furthermore a tapping system for tapping light from the fiber optics bundle and guiding it to a window in the external endoscope wall.